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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION  
AS A LIMITED PARTICIPANT

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Secretary Shoshana M. Grove  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, D. C. 20268-0001

Re: Docket No. A2011-34 Innis, LA 70747 Post Office

Dear Secretary Shoshana M. Grove:

I am writing to join the appeal under Docket No. A2011-34 of the United States Postal Service determination to close the Innis, Louisiana Post Office. As an individual representing myself, I request status as a limited participant. I am interested in this case because I sometimes send and receive first-class mail, along with parcels and packages, at the Innis, LA 70747 Post Office.

The **Innis, Louisiana Post Office should be retained** because:

1. The US Postal Service determination to close the Innis, Louisiana Post Office is a grave financial mistake. Instead, two adjacent post offices at Batchelor and Lettsworth, Louisiana should be closed, retaining the more centrally-located Innis Post Office in their stead. Notwithstanding the substantial harm caused to its users if the Innis Post Office were to be closed, it simply makes more economic sense to retain the Innis Post Office. It should be obvious that *closing two* nearby adjacent post office facilities will save more money than *closing only one* in the area and will not cause undo harm to users of the two closed facilities. In fact, if a true economic cost study were to be conducted, it could be shown that an even greater amount of money could be saved by consolidating postal facilities into a single, more centrally-located facility, such as Innis, because of more subtle efficiencies gained by such consolidation.
2. Insofar as postal routes being served, there would be essentially no change in service to RFD

patrons as a single carrier could now serve a route to the north toward Lettsworth from Innis, along with another route to the south toward Batchelor from Innis. Over the years, both Batchelor and Lettsworth RFD routes have encroached into the Innis postal service area to the point where both the Batchelor and Lettsworth carriers serve RFD patrons within “a stone's throw” of the Innis Post Office. A simple “turn-around” of the carrier routes emanating from Innis would make much more sense.

3. An on-site visit to the area would show that Innis is the only town of substance of the three villages mentioned. It can readily be seen that more civic and commercial facilities are available within the Innis community, including a civic center, dental and doctor offices, lumberyard, Community Service meal center, two grocery stores, a sawmill, churches and many postal patrons. Batchelor and Lettsworth villages, combined, don't have as much civic activity as the Innis community.

It is, therefore, humbly and respectfully requested that a more full and complete economic study be conducted before a final decision is made to close the Innis Post Office. Such study should include all the costs and revenues of the current postal operations at Batchelor and Lettsworth, comparing those costs and revenues to those of the Innis Post Office AND THEN comparing the costs and projected revenues to a retained Innis Post Office, while closing both Batchelor and Lettsworth postal facilities. Without the benefit of my having available cost/ revenue statistics for comparison—a comparison that should be made by the USPS--it appears to me that the United States Postal Service would serve its government and citizens well by retaining the Innis, Louisiana Post Office while closing the Batchelor and Lettsworth postal facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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